



2009 Senate Joint Resolution 73

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas, Harriet Jane McCown was born in Leechburg, Pennsylvania, the daughter of a minister and former teacher, loved books and writing from an early age, and turned that interest into a successful career in journalism and teaching; and

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Whereas, Harriet's advocacy for mental health began when she was faced with her son's schizophrenia diagnosis; and

Whereas, as she was looking to learn from others who had family members with mental health needs, Harriet was introduced to Beverly Young; and

Whereas, together, they held the first meeting of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill in April 1977, which was attended by 13 people and within six months, the organization had 75 members; and

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Whereas, Harriet was preceded in death by her husband, who died nine days before her on March 21, 2010, but is survived by her daughter Jane, son Charles, and two grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** members of the Wisconsin legislature honor Harriet Shetler for her humanitarian works and express their sorrow at her death.

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Representative Michael J. Sheridan  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Senator Fred A. Risser  
President of the Senate

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Date

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Robert J. Marchant  
Senate Chief Clerk

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- 04-16. S. Introduced by Senators **Risser, Miller, Erpenbach** and **Hansen**; cosponsored by Representatives **Pocan, Berceau, Black, Pasch** and **Pope-Roberts**.
- 04-16. S. Read and referred to committee on Senate Organization.
- 04-16. S. Available for scheduling.
- 04-21. S. Placed on calendar 4-22-2010 pursuant to Senate Rule 18(1) ..... 0
- 04-22. S. **Adopted**.
- 04-22. S. Ordered immediately messaged.
- 04-22. A. Received from Senate.
- 04-22. A. Read.
- 04-22. A. Rules suspended and taken up.
- 04-22. A. **Concurred in**.
- 04-22. A. Ordered immediately messaged.
- 04-23. S. Received from Assembly concurred in.

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J. Miller

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